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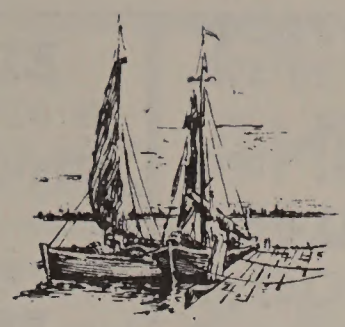

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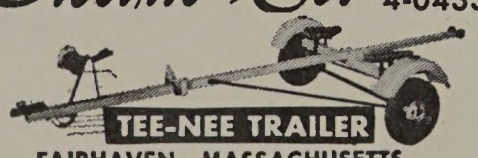

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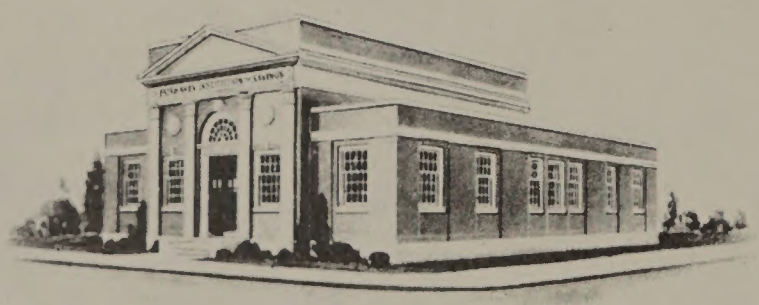
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Weekly sewing meetings of the World Friendship Department of the Women's Community Guild of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church are held each Tuesday from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. in the church vestry. At present, sewers are working on layettes for a Southern mission. Mrs. George Bradley, Jr. is chairman of the project, and four cartons of reconditioned used clothing have already been sent to Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Toys contributed by Guild members were sent in December to the World Service Committee in New York City to be used as Christmas gifts for immigrant children.

The next scheduled sewing meeting will be on Tuesday, February 8th and those attending are to bring box lunches, with beverages being provided.

Sewing experience is not necessary and anyone wishing to join with the group is most welcome.

LIONS CLUB PLAN DANCE

The Mattapoisett Lions Club will hold a dance at the Silver Gull on Wednesday, February 23rd from 8 to 12 P. M. for the members and their guests. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the committee or at Frank's Market. The committee is comprised of Mrs. Howard H. Smith, chairman, Mrs. Lawrence Green, Mrs. John Johansen, Mrs. Arthur Baker, Mrs. Lester Teixeira, Mrs. Paul Harrison, Mrs. William Knapton and Mrs. Foster M. Willoughby.

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The Cavaliers, a male quartet from Boston, will entertain at the guest night meeting of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club to be held Thursday evening, February 17th at the Center School auditorium at 8 P. M.

This well known quartet is comprised of Ray Smith, tenor, who is completing work on his music degree at the New England Conservatory of Music, and who also has sung for the New England Opera Co. under the direction of Boris Goldovsky; Joe Kling, tenor, who also has sung for the New England Opera Co. and is now a pupil at the New England Conservatory of Music; Bernard Barbeau, baritone, who holds a Master's Degree from the New England Conservatory of Music, and is now a teacher of voice at the Conservatory; Paolo D'Alessandro, bass, a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music and who is now appearing with the Boston Opera Guild; and Earl Weidner, accompanist and director, who is the organist at the Boston Symphony Pops Concerts.

The executive board, who has arranged the program, will serve as hostesses. Each member may bring three guests.

RECENT GUESTS OF MISS CANNON

Recent guests of Miss Alice Cannon of Cannon Street, Mattapoisett were her cousin, Miss Alice Folsom of Bridgewater and Mrs. Louise Dickinson Rich also of Bridgewater. Mrs. Rich's newest book, "Innocence Under the Elms", will be published soon. It is a story of Mrs. Rich's young days in Bridgewater.

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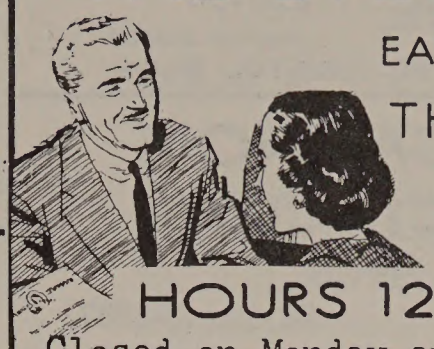

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CAST OF "YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU"

Playing the important role of Penelope in "You Can't Take It With You", the second play of the Hornblowers of St. Gabriel's Church, will be Mrs. Eugene Heikoff who is well known in the New Bedford area for her monologues and pantomines.

Miss Susan Roche, who plays Essie the permanent dance student, has been in many Spouter and Your Theatre Inc. plays.

Making his first appearance on the stage, Mr. James Babbitt will play opposite his sister-in-law, Mrs. Edwin Babbitt, Jr., who was last seen in "Arsenic and Old Lace". They will supply the love interest, as Tony the eager young executive, and Alice, the only normal member of the Sycamore household.

Mr. Hilliard Lubin will play Boris Kholenkov, the explosive mad Russian. Mr. Lubin will make his first appearance in this vicinity having previously played at the Robin Hood Theatre and in summer stock at Arden Del Pennsylvania.

The Reverend Lawrence Somers will play the cracker barrel philosopher Martin Vanderhorf. Reverend Somers is a member of the Marion Dramatic Group and was last seen in "Arsenic and Old Lace".

The Kaufman and Hart comedy hit will be presented February 18 and 19th at the Veteran of Foreign Wars Hall. Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. William Prewitt and Mrs. Brooks Hawkins.

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The Rochester Grange observed their 49th birthday anniversary with Master Katherine Gayoski opening the meeting and immediately closing it, and thereafter conducted an open meeting, conducted by Mr. Arthur Wright, master of the Freetown grange. The other chairs were filled by Freetown officers as the Freetown lodge originally installed the Rochester Grange.

Mrs. Mapent and her two sons entertained.

Mrs. Lucille Rogers introduced Mrs. Henrietta Waite, field secretary of the Heart fund, who introduced Dr. Harold Berger, cardiologist, who gave a talk of the heart supported by slides.

Charter members names were read and both ladies and men received floral pieces to signify their honor.

Past Masters names were read and Mrs. Andrew MacGregor and Mrs. Albert Bettencourt received their 25 year silver certificate. Joseph Sylvaria won the nickel march, and Mrs. Dianne Spirlet won the lamp drawing.

A birthday cake made by Mrs. Arthur Tripp, Jr. and refreshments were served by a committee comprised of Mrs. Melissa Boys and Mrs. Ruth Fuller.

HEP CATS MEET

The Hep Cats, a small group of Mattapoisett eighth grade girls, held their weekly meeting at Alberta Norlander's house. It was voted that the Hep Cats contribute a sum of $2.00 to the March of Dimes. After the business meeting, refreshments were served and games were played.

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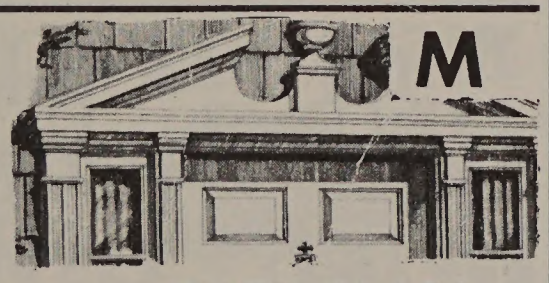

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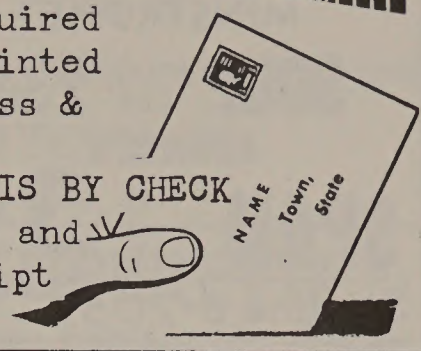

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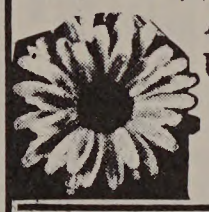

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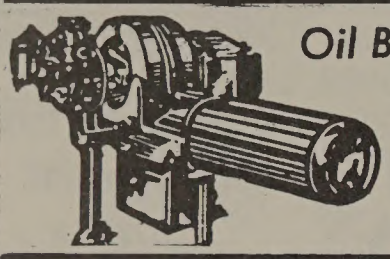

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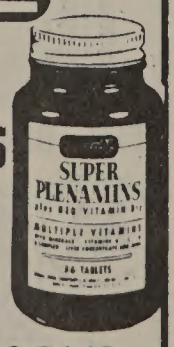

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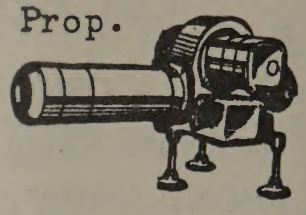

IN THE ROCHESTER LEAGUE AT BOWL-MOR ALLEYS

Rounseville Saw Mill led by Pete Jefferson's 346 again takes the lead in the second half, with a 3 point win over the Firemen. Bill Martin's 355 was high for the Firemen.

Baptist Church (Art Tripp 305) tied with Bettencourt's Market (Merritt Sylvaria 330).

Ronnie Tosi's 368 led the Marion Launderette to a 3 point win over Hartley's Garage (Eddie Swift 343).

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CELEBRATED BIRTHDAYS

John, June and Sandra Bowman of Chapel Road, Mattapoisett have just celebrated their 18th, 17th and 8th birthdays respectively.

WHIST PARTY

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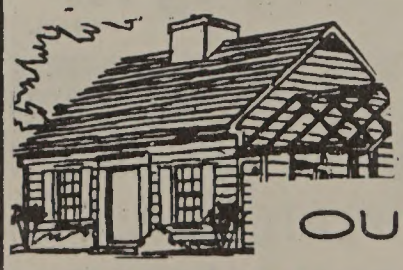

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The first class badge workers went to Mrs. Chase's house for a cookout, building the fire and preparing the food themselves. New Patrol leaders chosen are Ruth Ann Kirby and Dorothy Silvia.

Rehearsals are now in progress for a minstrel show which will be presented in the near future.

CELEBRATED BIRTHDAY

Miss Mary Bettencourt of Rochester celebrated her 63rd birthday on Monday, February 7th, and is not bashful about folks knowing her age.

GOING AWAY PARTY HELD

Albert Joseph, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Joseph of Burgess Road, Rochester, who has volunteered for Air Force service and leaves on Wednesday, February 16th, had a combined 17th birthday and going away party on Saturday, February 5th.

BOY SCOUT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEET

The executive committee of the Boy Scouts of Rochester met on Monday night at the home of the leader, Calvin Daggett. The assistant leader, Warren Doan and William Scott and Stanley Gaumett were present.

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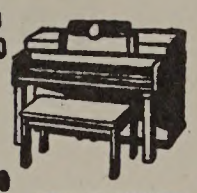
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CELEBRATED WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Willett of Cathaway Lane, Mattapoisett celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary on Friday, February 11th.

CELEBRATED BIRTHDAY

Miss Alice Barker of Hemlock Haven, Marion Road, Mattapoisett celebrated her 85th birthday anniversary on Wednesday, February 9th. Her nephew, Leslie Barker, entertained her with a luncheon at the Silver Gull.

PTA MEETING

The Parent Teachers Association met on Monday, February 14th at the Consolidated School in Rochester. Marion Pierce spoke on school problems and colored slides were shown by Cecile Lendell. Refreshments were served.

AT HEMLOCK HAVEN

Mrs. Eliza Dunphy, formerly of Oakland Street, is now staying at Hemlock Haven on Marion Road, Mattapoisett.

THE HERRING RUN AND HERRING FISHERMEN

On our cover this week, are two old pictures very kindly loaned to us from the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. There are no dates on the pictures but we were interested to see the number of buildings along the river at this time, and we hope that people in town will recognize themselves, or people they know, among the fishermen, so that we can put the whole lineup in the paper later.

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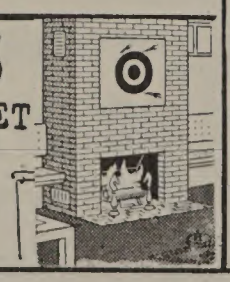

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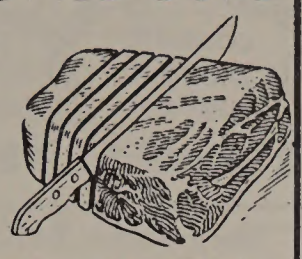

AL'S WHOLESALE MEATS

SPECIAL MEETING ARRANGED BY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

The Mattapoisett Improvement Association Executive Board have made arrangements to hold a meeting on March 1st at the Congregational Church vestry at 8 P. M. A number of town officials from the Board of Selectmen, Board of Assessors, the Finance Committee and the Town Wharfinger will be present to answer any questions about the articles in the town warrant. Members are urged to attend and bring any friends who would be interested in coming. A social hour will follow.

OPEN HOUSE AT FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Mattapoisett Fire Department will hold open house at the Fire Station on Tuesday, February 22nd from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M. This will give the town residents and others interested to see the new fire truck and the work that has been done at the station.

DANCING CLASSES RESUMED

Dancing classes at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church vestry will resume this week Friday, February 18th at the usual time. The last class will be on Friday, February 25th when a party will be held for the pupils.

HONORED AT PARTY

A dinner party was held at the home of Mrs. Katherine Abrams of Mill Road, Fairhaven on Saturday, February 12th in honor of her mother's 75th birthday, Mrs. Frank Buckley of Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett. Guests included Mrs. Maud Maynes, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gordon and son from Haverhill, Mr. Sydney Fryer, the Costa family from New Bedford, the Sylvia family and the Buckley family from Mattapoisett.

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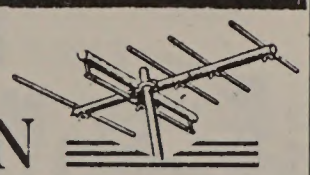

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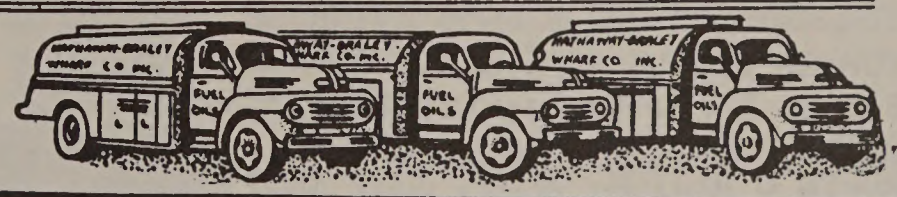

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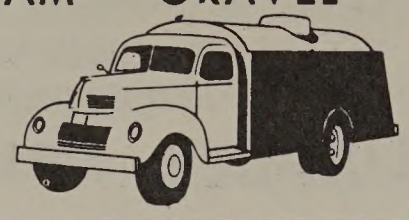

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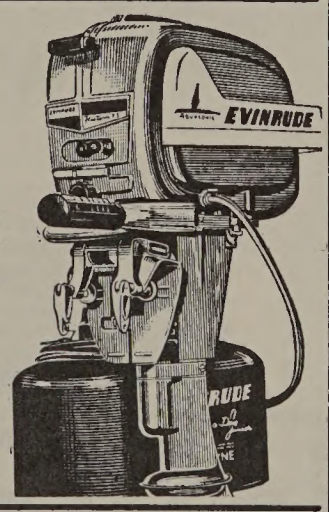

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VISITING IN OHIO

Mrs. Margaret Waite is visiting in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she went by plane. She is expected back at Hemlock Haven in Mattapoisett where she resides this month.

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IN THE WAKE OF THE MARY CELESTE
by James Franklin Briggs

Captain Winchester was displeased at the seemingly endless delays of the Admiralty Court. He was anxious for his vessel to be released so that she could proceed to Genoa and complete her voyage. For this purpose he had brought over a new master, Captain George W. Blatchford of Wrentham, Mass. When Captain Winchester appeared before the Court, according to family tradition, the following exchange took place:

"What is your name, sir?"

"James H. Winchester."

"Of what country are you a citizen?"

"Of the United States of America."

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let it out."

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On February 6, 1873 Capt. Winchester wrote from Lisbon to U. S. Consul Horatio J. Sprague stating that he had decided to return to New York by the Anchor Line Steamer Caledonia then about leaving the port. His reasons for this determination are sufficiently stated in a subsequent letter to Consul Sprage, reading as follows:

H. J. Sprague Esq. New York, Mar. 10, 1873
U. S. Consul
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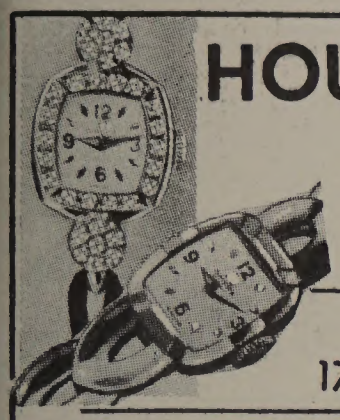
"Dear Sir

"Enclosed please find Simpson Harts power of attorney duly legalised by the English consul.

"On my arrival home I find my wife a mear Skiliten She has feel away So with a very bad coff and raising a great deal which is no dout consumption this was one reason wi I was anshos to git home and a nother reason was that I found I could do no good by Staying thare on expence and leaving my business to Suffer then again a gentleman came to me while at gibraltar and told me that after the Judge and the attorney general had used up every other



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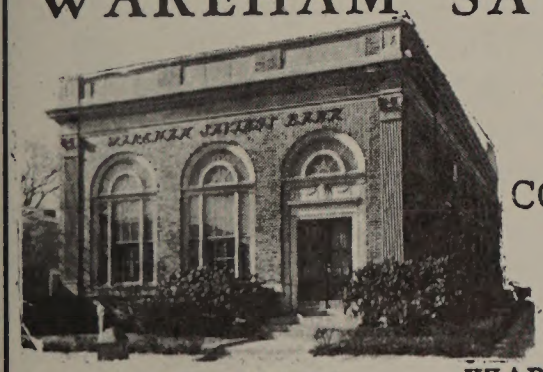

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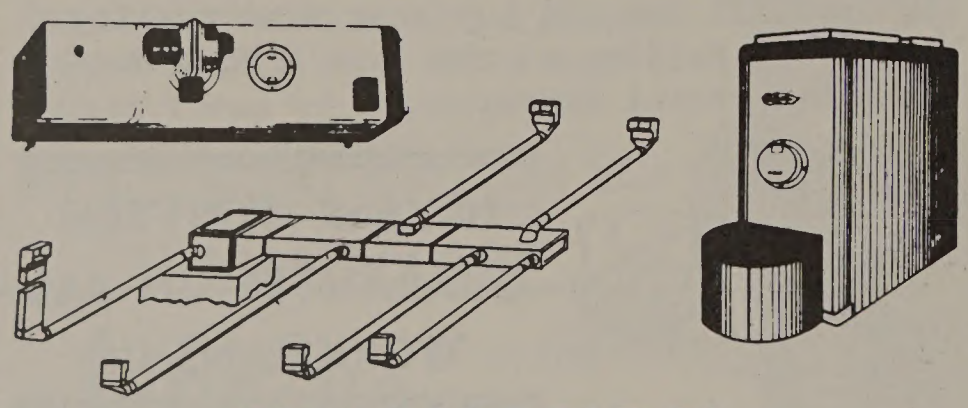

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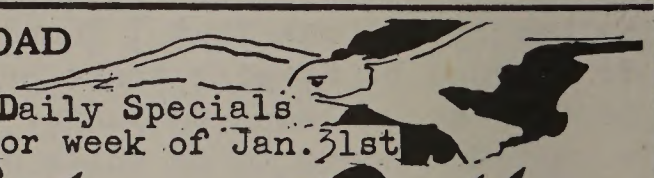

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